1	2	3	4
Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore (Tamilnadu)	600	350	175
Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai (Tamilnadu)	300	175	35
University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) Bangalore (Karnataka)	520	250	150
University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharward (Karnataka)	430	275	85
West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences (WBUA&F), Kolkata (West Bengal)	150	100	85
Total	10000	5500	1500

Water accessibility to Farmers

4677. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme to make water more accessible to farmers;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh has also been included under the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to exploit the ground water potential available in eastern region, Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "On Farm Water Management" which has been launched during the year 2001-2002 for increasing crop production in Eastern India. Under the scheme financial assistance for sinking Shallow Tube Wells/Low Lift Irrigation points, electric/diesel water pumping sets and dug wells (for plateau regions only) will be provided to the farmers through NABARD as credit linked scheme. The funding pattern of the scheme will be on 20:30:50 basis i.e., 20% as contribution from the beneficiaries, 30% as Government of India assistance as subsidy and remaining 50% as loan from the

commercial/State cooperative/rural banks. This scheme is to be implemented in ten states *viz.* Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Eastern UP and West Bengal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Scheme is approved only for Eastern India.

Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres in Andhra Pradesh

4678. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's scheme of Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres for the benefit of unemployed graduates in agriculture and allied subjects has evoked poor response in Andhra Pradesh, as per the data made available by NABARD;

(b) if so, whether NABARD has formulated this scheme for rural areas;

(c) whether the guidelines were also circulated amongst the financing banks and the departments of the State Governments;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for the same; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken to popularize this scheme in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The scheme of Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres has evoked very good response from the State of Andhra Pradesh. As on 30.4.2002, 401 agricultural graduates from Andhra Pradesh have responded for undergoing training in response to the advertisement released by Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC).

The scheme has been launched with the objective of providing extension services to farmers with a view to increasing production and productivity and for improving their income.